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1. THE TURKISH MILITARY EXERCISES CONTINUED TO BE A LEAD STORY
IN THE GREEK PRESS MARCH 15 WITH THE PRINCIPAL THEME BEING THAT
THE GOG IS AWAITING A TURKISH RESPONSE TO ITS PROTEST (REFTEL)
BEFORE DETERMINING ITS POSITION. MEANWHILE, A GOVERNMENT SPOKES-
MAN DENIED YESTERDAY'S PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GREEK ARMED FORCES
HAD BEEN PLACED IN A STATE OF INCREASED READINESS AS A RESULT OF
THE FORTHCOMING EXERCISES. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO DENIED THAT THE
MEETING ON SATURDAY BETWEEN DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF AND TURKISH
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AMBASSADOR TEZEL HAD TO DO WITH THE TURKISH EXERCISES.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, GOVERNMENT SOURCES CONTINUE TO
STRESS THAT THE TURKISH EXERCISES MIGHT DISRUPT AIR AND SEA
COMMUNICATIONS WHICH CONCERNS NOT ONLY GREECE BUT OTHER COUNTRIES
AS WELL. THE GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY'S (KKE-EXTERIOR) RIZOSPASTIS
KEPT UP ITS CAMPAIGN OF BLAMING THE TURKISH EXERCISES ON THE U.S.

AND NATO, SAYING THAT SOME SOURCES (UNIDENTIFIED) STATE NATO
OBSERVERS WILL BE EMBARKED ON THE TURKISH VESSELS. SEVERAL
NEWSPAPERS WROTE AGAIN THAT THE U.S. WAS CONCERNED OVER DEVELOPMENTS
AND WAS FOLLOWING THE SITUATION. PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI NOTED
THAT THE U.S. HAD WARNED TURKEY AGAINST CREATING TENSION IN
THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
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